IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10 – 14 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please amend claims 9 and 16 through 19 as set forth below. Applicants note that all claims currently pending in the application are shown below for clarity.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A [coating composition] semipermeable membrane for use in a dosage form, the semipermeable membrane comprising:

a polymer selected from [a] the group consisting of cellulose acetate butyrate, cellulose acetate propionate, polymethylmethacrylate, mixtures thereof, and mixtures of any of the foregoing with ethyl cellulose;

[solvent selected from the group consisting of acetone, mixtures of acetone and water and mixtures of acetone and lower alkanols having 1-8 carbon atoms;] and

optionally, one or more additives selected from the group consisting of plasticizers and flux enhancers;

wherein the [coating composition is adapted] polymer and optional additives are formulated to provide a semipermeable membrane exhibiting a water transmission rate of between 1-60 cc·ml/cm^2·hr.

Claims 10 – 14 (Cancelled)

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The [coating composition] semipermeable membrane of claim [10 adapted] 9, wherein the polymer and optional additives are formulated to provide a semipermeable membrane exhibiting a water transmission rate of between 3-45 cc·ml/cm^2·hr.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The [coating composition] semipermeable membrane of claim 9, wherein the polymer is selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate butyrate and mixtures of cellulose acetate butyrate and ethyl cellulose.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The [coating composition] semipermeable membrane of claim 9, wherein the polymer is selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate propionate and mixtures of cellulose acetate propionate and ethyl cellulose.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The [coating composition] semipermeable membrane of claim 9, wherein the polymer is selected from the group consisting of polymethylmethacrylate and mixtures of polymethylmethacrylate and ethyl cellulose.